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The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I write to inform you of my decision to establish the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) as a DoD Field Activity under the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), reporting to the Director, Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E). This transfers the scientific and technical information function from the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) to an organization under the authority, direction and control of DDR&E, to reinforce the link between scientific and technical information and the research and engineering community.

In examining resources associated with the functions, I have determined and so certify that a reduction in the Department's personnel requirements will be realized. The establishment of DTIC as a DoD Field Activity under the USD(AT&L) will also streamline the management structure in the reporting channels for the Director of the activity. In accordance with section 8047(b) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2004, Public Law No. 108-87 (2003), I am therefore waiving the limitations of section 8047(a).

A similar letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sincerely,

cc:  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member

